

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 2nd August 2015

IRTS AGM 2016

Limerick Radio Club will host the 2016 IRTS AGM on 9th and 10th April 2016. The venue will be the Radisson Blue Hotel on the Ennis Road in Limerick.

September Edition of Echo Ireland

Calling all clubs and club secretaries and members to submit articles and items for publication to the Editor not later than 15th August. Items for sale must be clearly priced. Please submit material to newsteam /at/ irts.ie clearly marking it for Echo Ireland.

South Dublin Radio at Dublin Maker Event

South Dublin Radio Club displayed at Dublin maker event with eleven thousand attendees.

Members of South Dublin Radio club manned a stand at the Dublin Maker Event in Trinity College Dublin. In association with the Trinity science gallery the event was busy all day with some stands 4 people deep with visitors. The event showcased various artists, hackers, tinkerers and others, who build and create with and without technology. There were a lot of displays of electronics from groups nationwide.

Many inactive EI callsign holders visited the stand. They, having lived abroad and now living in Ireland; asked how to get their EI call and others asked about active repeaters and club meetings. Many children and parents were impressed with the video recording from the International Space Station HAMTV system and the demonstration of the satellite-tracking dish for the space station. Fliers were handed out to everyone passing by which explained Amateur Radio with links to the IRTS and radio club website. We now expect a few visitors to the club shortly as a result of this event.

SDR closed for 2 weeks.

South Dublin Radio Club will be closed for the first 2 weeks in August as usual during

our annual break

Calling all SWL's

South Dublin radio club is to restart regular classes in Amateur Radio and studying for your very own callsign. The club is taking reservations through it's website, with the classes taking place weekly from Tuesday 1st September. Already a few places are taken and we would encourage anyone interested to call into the club or contact us via the website. The classes are run at no cost except for the €5 weekly contribution to tea, coffee and biscuits. No prior experience is necessary and beginners are welcome. Classes start at 8pm on Tuesday 1st September and weekly thereafter. Further details are available on the website: www.southdublinradioclub.ie

Limerick Radio Club

Limerick Radio Club will activate Loop Head Lighthouse for the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend event (IL&LW) on 15th and 16th August. Two HF stations will be set up; one in the Light Keeper's Watch Room and the second one at the entrance to the Lighthouse, where the club will also have a selection of QSL cards, World Map and a rolling Powerpoint presentation of past club activities. Clare Co Council will provide organised tours of the Lighthouse.

This event will provide LRC with an opportunity to introduce members of the public to Amateur Radio and as a result, gain some new club members.

The club's two HF rigs will be used along with the club's pump up mast (SCAM), Cushcraft A4S Yagi, G5RV and a club members 40M dipole.

This year will be the fourth year that LRC has activated Loop Head, designator IE0009; while achieving more than 800 contacts across an average of 62 entities each year on SSB and CW. This year there are currently 395 IL&Ls on the planned activation list. See www.illw.net/

Avondhu Radio Club

Avondhu Radio Club are pleased to announce that a new Internet Gateway is operational from Watergrasshill, Co. Cork.

Callsign: EI7WHG Echolink Node Nr. 395897 Frequency: 430.075MHz simplex

Tone: 67Hz Keeper: EI4KH

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from the Inistioge Vintage Rally, Inistioge, Co. Kilkenny today from 2pm approx. Depending on band conditions we will probably be most active on 40m. The Inistioge Vintage Rally is a great fun filled family day out with loads of vintage cars and engines from times gone past. So if you're in the shack keep a listen out for us and if you hear us do give us a call. The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will activate Hook Head Lighthouse (the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world) on Saturday and Sunday 15th/16th August as part of the 18th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. For more info on the International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend please see www.illw.net For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and our activities you can check our website www.searg.com and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Special Callsign EI80OPC

Pat EI4HSB has been given the special event call sign EI80OPC (Echo, India, 80, Oscar, Papa, Charlie)

This call sign is to celebrate 80 years of the first residents moving into O'Neill Park Clones, Co Monaghan. Work started on the development in early 1933 and by 1935, 118 houses were built by Clones UDC, the largest estate ever built in the area.

EI80OPC will be on air until the end of August, but most active over the weekend of the 14,15,16 August.

DX News

Rene, DL2JRM will be active from Faroe Islands 7th to 10th August 2015 as OY/DL2JRM. He will operate on 80 to 10m mostly CW. QSL via home call.

JQ2GYU, JJ2VLY, JR2UYE will be active again from Tinian Island 8th to 13th August 2015 as NH0J.

ZS1GS, ZS1XS, ZS1ASH, ZS1MW, ZS1AB will be active from Dassen Island (IOTA AF-064) 15 - 16 August 2015 as ZS1FUN.

2m Nets

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

[C]